

**Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Cannabis Regulatory Agency**

Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grants

2023 Grant Application Information and Instructions

1. The Michigan Legislature has appropriated a total of \$3 million dollars for the Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grants. These grants, which are available to Michigan counties, will only be approved by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency for **education, communication, and outreach** regarding the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, 2008 IL, MCL 333.26421 to 333.26430 and the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, 2018, IL 1, MCL 333.27951 to 333.27967. Grants provided under this section must not be used for law enforcement purposes.
2. The completed Marihuana Operation and Oversight grant application must be received by email no later than **January 1, 2023** at the following email address: CRA-MOOG@michigan.gov.
3. The amount of funds available to each county are posted on the Cannabis Regulatory Agency website. The potential grant amounts available are calculated based on the proportion of the number of registry identification cards issued or renewed in the county as of **September 30, 2022**.
4. The county must submit **financial status reports** to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs on **July 17, 2023**, and **September 15, 2023**.
5. On **September 15, 2023**, in addition to the financial status report that is due on this date, a **final report** must also be submitted detailing how the total grant was expended. The final report should include:
 - A summary of the project implementation plan and any deviations from the original project as proposed.
 - Accomplishments and problems experienced while carrying out the project activities.
 - Coordinated efforts with other organizations to complete the project.
 - Impacts, anticipated and unanticipated, experienced as a result of the project implementation.
 - Financial expenditures of grant money and other contributions to the project, in-kind and/or direct funding.
 - Any experience in applying the project products and anticipated “next steps.”
 - Actual budget expenditures compared to the budget in the agreement and the reason for any discrepancies.
6. Applicants must be EFT compliant and if they have not already, obtain (if they have not already) a SIGMA Vendor Customer ID number. SIGMA Vendor information can be obtained at the following website: <https://sigma.michigan.gov/webapp/PRDVSS2X1/AltSelfService>

Questions regarding the Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grants are to be directed to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency at CRA-MOOG@michigan.gov.

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The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs is only responsible for processing grant applications that meet the requirements as set forth by Section 901 of 2021 PA 87, the expending of grant funds, and the compiling of the required reports.

Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grants 2022 PA 166 (Section 901)

Sec. 901. (1) The department shall expend the funds appropriated in part 1 for marihuana operation and oversight grants for grants to counties for education and outreach programs relating to the Michigan medical marihuana program and the adult-use marihuana program, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26426 and section 14 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, 2018 IL 1, MCL 333.27946. The grant funds may be generated from application and license fees authorized under section 8(1)(b) of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, 2018 IL 1, MCL 333.27958. These grants shall be distributed proportionately based on the number of registry identification cards issued to or renewed for the residents of each county that applied for a grant under subsection (2). For the purposes of this subsection, operation and oversight grants are for education, communication, and outreach regarding the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26421 to 333.26430 and the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, 2018, IL 1, MCL 333.27951 to 333.27967. Grants provided under this section must not be used for law enforcement purposes.

(2) Not later than December 1, the department shall post a listing of potential grant money available to each county on its website. In addition, the department shall work collaboratively with counties regarding the availability of these grant funds. A county requesting a grant shall apply on a form developed by the department and available on its website. The form shall contain the county's specific projected plan for use of the money and its agreement to maintain all records and to submit documentation to the department to support the use of the grant money.

(3) In order to be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (1), a county shall apply not later than January 1 and agree to report how the grant was expended and to provide that report to the department not later than September 15. The department shall submit a report not later than October 15 of the subsequent fiscal year to the state budget director, the subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies detailing the grant amounts by recipient and the reported uses of the grants in the preceding fiscal year.

MCL Section 333.26426(1): The Michigan medical marihuana fund is created within the state treasury. All fees collected under this act shall be deposited into the fund. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund. The department of licensing and regulatory affairs shall be the administrator of the fund for auditing purposes. The department of licensing and regulatory affairs shall expend money from the fund, upon appropriation, for the operation and oversight of the Michigan medical marihuana program.

MCL section 333.27964 1. The marihuana regulation fund is created in the state treasury. The department of treasury shall deposit all money collected under section 13 of this act and the department shall deposit all fees collected in the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund and shall credit the fund interest and earnings from fund investments. The department shall administer the fund for auditing purposes. Money in the fund shall not lapse to the general fund.

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2. Funds for the initial activities of the department to implement this act shall be appropriated from the general fund. The department shall repay any amount appropriated under this subsection from proceeds in the fund.

3. The department shall expend money in the fund first for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of this act, and second, until 2022 or for at least two years, to provide \$20 million annually to one or more clinical trials that are approved by the United States food and drug administration and sponsored by a non-profit organization or researcher within an academic institution researching the efficacy of marihuana in treating the medical conditions of United States armed services veterans and preventing veteran suicide. Upon appropriation, unexpended balances must be allocated as follows:

- (a) 15% to municipalities in which a marihuana retail store or a marihuana microbusiness is located, allocated in proportion to the number of marihuana retail stores and marihuana microbusinesses within the municipality;
- (b) 15% to counties in which a marihuana retail store or a marihuana microbusiness is located, allocated in proportion to the number of marihuana retail stores and marihuana microbusinesses within the county;
- (c) 35% to the school aid fund to be used for K-12 education; and
- (d) 35% to the Michigan transportation fund to be used for the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges.

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2023 Grant Application

Authority: Michigan Medical Marihuana Act
2008 IL 1, Section 6(I), MCL 333.26426

This application must be submitted via email to CRA-MOOG@michigan.gov
at the Cannabis Regulatory Agency on or before January 1, 2023.

Section I: Grant Applicant Information

Applicant (County Name) _____

VS _____

SIGMA Vendor Customer ID No. _____

Mail Code _____

Section II: Grant Administrator Information

Name _____

Address _____

Suite/Room _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Area Code/Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Section III: Description of Grant Program

Funds must be used for education, communication, and outreach regarding Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26421 to 333.26430 and the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, 2018, IL 1, MCL 333.27951 to 333.27967. On county letterhead, submit your proposal that includes the items listed below:

- Describe the project(s) for which funds are requested with an implementation plan.
- Explain how funds will be used to coordinate efforts with other agencies, if applicable.
- Describe the impact these funds will have on the community and what you hope to accomplish.
- Explain how these funds will be combined with other funding to complete the project, if necessary.
- Explain anticipated outcomes that will result from this grant.
- Submit a detailed budget showing how the requested funds will be expended.

Section IV: Certification

I certify and agree to report how the grant was expended and to provide a report to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Cannabis Regulatory Agency, no later than September 15, 2023. Due to the requirements LARA must abide by the September 15th due date will be *strictly* enforced. By signing below, I also agree to meet and follow the statutory provisions in which this program was established pursuant to Section 901 of 2022 PA 166.

Signature of County Grant Administrator (Original Signature Required) _____

Date _____

Title of County Grant Administrator _____

Telephone: _____

Contact Information for Person Submitting Application

Name: _____ Email Address: _____ Telephone: _____

